



Awards Ceremony Recognizes Service, Dedication of ISDH Staff



SPECIAL AWARDS HONOREES gather for photo with state health department administrators who presented the 2nd annual commissions' awards. Assembled staff are (left to right): ISDH Institutions award winner **Robert Hawkins**, Indiana Veteran's Home; **Chris Stamm**, assistant commissioner for Operational Services; **Joe Hunt**, assistant commissioner for Information Services and Policy; **Tom Cronau**, winner of the Information Services and Policy Commission Award; State Health Commissioner **Greg Wilson, M.D.**; **Jeffrey Wingstrom**, winner of the Health Care Regulatory Services Commission Award; **Susan Seitz**, winner of the Children and Health Services Award; **Wendy Gettelfinger** (back row), assistant commissioner for Children and Family Health Services Commission; **Julie Butwin**, winner of the Community and Health Development Services Award; **Michael Hurst**, Deputy State Health Commissioner; **Joni Albright**, assistant commissioner for Community Health Development Services; and **Liz Carroll**, assistant commissioner for Health Care Regulatory Services.

All photos this issue by Daniel Axler

A Message to ISDH Staff February 18th from the State Health Commissioner:

As I told you on January 16th, we have been planning the changes in our agency made necessary by the state's budget crisis. There is no denying that we have reached a difficult point in the history of the Indiana State Department of Health. We are facing a national recession that has severely reduced our state revenues. Our agency has many valuable programs, but does not have adequate funds to continue all of these programs during the next fiscal year, which begins July 1, 2002. So difficult choices have had to be made—there was no alternative.

Today, we are announcing, through the assistant commissioners, the cuts in ISDH programs. These cuts will inevitably result in a decrease in some of our services. My goal, however, has been to maintain our present core staff, in order to continue our essential and mandated services.

Some programs that are federally funded or required by law will not be affected. Other programs that are funded by state monies and do not provide direct health care services will be suspended or discontinued.

I have appreciated the input many of you have provided during this planning process. We are already developing plans to implement several cost-cutting suggestions that have been made by ISDH staff. I hope you will join me in continuing to make the case for the importance of public health. We know that the economy will recover, and we will need to build a stronger and more effective agency to meet the public health needs of Hoosiers. I am confident that, in time, we will do just that.

Greg Wilson, M.D.

2001 Service Awards

Special Commission and Institution Employee Awards. Employee Service Recognition Awards. STAR Awards. These have been the high point of ISDH Employee Recognition Month, culminating with awards ceremonies held yesterday, February 21.

State Health Department staff gathered in a completely filled Rice Auditorium at 2 North Meridian Street to observe the honors bestowed on co-workers. The event commemorated 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, and 40-year service anniversaries that were reached in the year 2001 for 79 workers.

Special awards for exceptional service and attitude were presented to one employee from each of the commissions and to an employee from each of the institutions operated under the auspices of ISDH. Institutions represented include the Indiana Soldiers' and Sailors' Children's Home, the Indiana Veterans' Home, and the Silvercrest Children's Developmental Center.

Most employees with 40th, 30th, and 25th anniversaries of consecutive years of service at ISDH appear in the photographs on this and the following pages of this issue of the *Express*. Also recognized were all nominees and recipients of the STAR Award in 2001, in addition to the winter 2001-2002 STAR Award winners Tom Cronau, Labs; Elnora Lacey, MCH; and Mark Laker, Local Liaison Office.



40-YEAR ISDH staff member Donald Courtney, Food Protection, receives service award from Liz Carroll, assistant deputy commissioner for Health Care Regulatory Services February 21.

Yrs.	Name	Work Group
40	Donald Courtney	Food Protection
30	Linda Bright	Travel & Claims
30	Howard Cundiff	Consumer Protection
30	Wayne Staggs	Epi Resource Ctr.

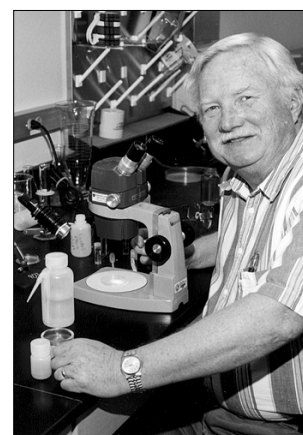
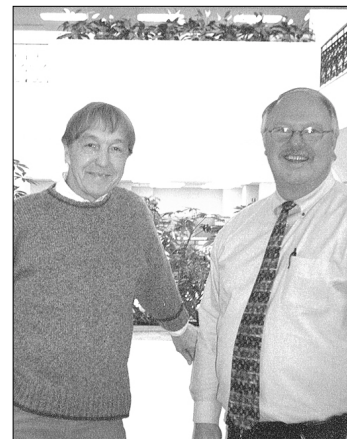


30-YEAR veterans (above) pose for camera near historic staircase in Lieber building addition. They are (l. to r.) Wayne Staggs, ERC; Linda Bright, Travel and Claims; and Howard Cundiff, Consumer Protection. **25-YEAR** staff are (above, right) (l. to r.) Ed Zglenicki, Food Protection, and Mike Hoover, Sanitary Engineering, and (below right) Mike Sinsko, Sanitary Engineering.

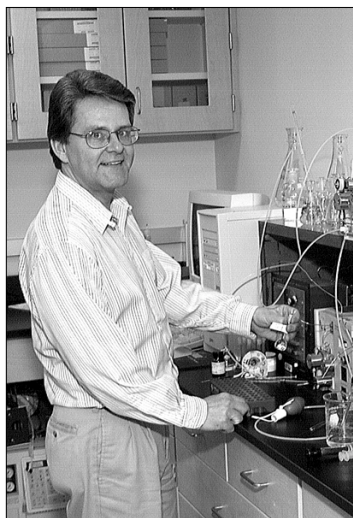


25-YEAR employees (above) are (l. to r.) Kathy Weaver, Office of Policy; Susan Dorrell, Epi Resource Center; Nancy Gilbert, Long-Term Care; and Helen Schwartzel, MCH.

Yrs.	Name	Work Group
25	Robin Bruner	Laboratories
25	George Burk	Laboratories
25	Jerry Clingaman	Weights & Meas.
25	Susan Dorrell	Epi Resouce Ctr.
25	Nancy Gilbert	Long-Term Care
25	Mike Hoover	Sanitary Engr.
25	Helen Schwartzel	MCH
25	Mike Sinsko	Sanitary Engr.
25	Kathy Weaver	Office of Policy
25	Ed Zglenicki	Food Protection



More Service Awards



25-YEAR LAB EMPLOYEES include Robin Bruner, Chemistry Laboratory (above), George Burk, Chemistry Laboratory (not shown), and Jerry Clingaman, Weights & Measures (not shown).



Yrs.	Name	Work Group
10	Vallie L. Cassette	Long-Term Care
10	Don Craig, Jr.	Long-Term Care
10	Tom Curran	CSHCS
10	Anne Dillon	Ofc of Public Affairs
10	Donna K. Downs	Long-Term Care
10	Joanne M. Edwards	Long-Term Care
10	Cathy Emswiler	Long-Term Care
10	Christine Feaster	LRC – Micro
10	Gershon Gamor	MCH
10	Judy Ganser	MCH
10	Sallie Hendon	Long-Term Care
10	Mary Keltner	Statistics
10	Carole M. McDaniel	Long-Term Care
10	Joseph W. McGinnis	Long-Term Care
10	Wendy Michalski	CSHCS
10	Mike Oberthur	LRC – Chem
10	Marie H. Owen	Long-Term Care
10	Vanda L. Phelps	Long-Term Care
10	Rosemarie E. Rian	Acute Care
10	Karen Smith	Long-Term Care
10	Beth Steele	Long-Term Care
10	Caron Tomlinson	Long-Term Care
10	Clara L. McGee Vinzant	Long-Term Care
10	Diane E. Webster	Long-Term Care
10	Vicki Wentworth	CSHCS
5	Martha Bonds	Minority Hlth
5	Robert C. Booher	Long-Term Care
5	M. Sue Camp	Long-Term Care
5	Jim Howell	Epi Resource Ctr.
5	Stephen Upchurch	Long-Term Care
5	Bill White	Admin. Svcs.
5	Pearl Wilson	Long-Term Care

Yrs.	Name	Work Group
20	Eva Buis	LRC
20	Mary Cate	LRC – Chem
20	Mardene Kyser	LRC – Micro
20	Mira Rakhman	LRC – Chem
20	Tony Richardson	Public Affairs
20	Sarah Roe	Long-Term Care
20	Ron Sanderson	LRC – Micro
20	Cheryl Thomas	HIV/STD
20	Larry Ulrey	EIS
15	David Bokodi	Sanitary Engineering
15	Margaret E. Boze	Acute Care
15	Rudy Cansino	Admin Serv
15	Mike Fouts	Contracts & Audits
15	Barbara Gann	Special Institutions
15	Randy Gardner	CSHCS
15	Charles Hazelrigg	Oral Health
15	Doug Landau	LRC – Micro
15	Marsha Lundy	Cancer Registry
15	George Marks	Oral Health
15	Gwen Mattingly	Long-Term Care
15	Greg Napier	HIV/STD
15	Vickie Acosta Padilla	Statistics
15	Susie L. Scott	Long-Term Care
15	Roger Sieloff	LRC – Chem
15	Jane Smith	LRC – Chem
15	Larry Stump	Weights & Measures
15	Margaret Voyles	Food Protection
10	Patsy M. Allen	Long-Term Care
10	Rex Bowser	Indoor & Rad Hlth
10	Teresa J. Buske	Long-Term Care

ISDH Mailed 94,868 Copies of Health Literature in 2001



Tony Richardson

Health Departments. School Nurses. Clinics. These are among the requestor organizations that ordered health brochures from the Indiana State Department of Health in 2001.

Tony Richardson, Office of Public Affairs, says his spread sheet shows that 94,868 copies of various preventive health brochures and pamphlets were mailed from ISDH during 2001.

Many of the mailings comprised single copies of publications, which the recipient used to photocopy for distribution to either students in the classroom or to clients of health services agencies.

Although an array of health information is available on the Quick Facts pages at the ISDH Web site, the publications that Richardson distributes fill specialty niches in agencies and classrooms where internet access is either not practical or available.

Valentine's Day Surprise Pleases Employees

Many ISDH employees reacted with pleasant surprise for being remembered by a group of their colleagues on the morning of February 14.

A small sack of goodies described as a "Life Tool Kit," awaited each employee arriving for work on Valentine's Day.

The tied sack contained a Hershey Kiss, a Hershey Hug, a toothpick, a rubber band, a pencil, an eraser, a starlight mint, and a piece of bubble gum. Each item was linked to an imperative statement printed on a half-page flyer also found inside each bag.

Statements included: "Bubble Gum - Stick to it when things are tough. Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence," and "Rubber Band - Bring flexibility to problem solving and dealing with others," and "String (bag tie) - Tie it around your finger; remember to count your blessings."

Robyn Porter, a member of the committee of "sweethearts" responsible for the secretly prepared largess, says the idea was suggested by Chris Stamm, Operational Services, last fall. The statements were developed largely by Porter with review and generous assistance of the other committee members.

Once the concept was developed, the team went out and purchased the items to fill the bags.

Porter says that to ensure project secrecy, committee members worked in private during lunch hours assembling the 700 bags. The final preparations took about a week, she says.

Who paid for all of the

items? Porter says the committee members all chipped in.

The group comprised some of the same staff members who planned the precedent-setting-all-agency-holiday-pitch-in dinner in December. They are: Martha Bonds, Jennifer Dunlap, Bert Harvey, Mark Laker, Marc LoCascio, Lenora Passley, Cheryl Phillips, Jennifer Pitcher, Robyn Porter, Elaine Scaife, Chris Stamm, Teresa Watson, Phil Zillinger, and Andrea Wilkes.

On the 14th, committee members worked in shifts between 7:15 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. at 2 North Meridian Street to distribute the bags to arriving employees. Phil Zillinger transported the sacks to the ISDH Laboratories. Larry Stump at Weights and Measures received a secret mail delivery February 13 in preparation for the Valentine's Day distribution there.

Jennifer Dunlap, Public Affairs, says that two lucky winners have yet to identify themselves. One bag each at 2 North Meridian Street and the Labs contained a notice that a prize could be redeemed by calling or e-mailing Dunlap. No takers had called at publication time.



VALENTINE'S DAY "SWEETHEART" COMMITTEE MEMBERS get together for photo with congratulator Deputy State Health Commissioner Michael Hurst. They are (l. to r.) Teresa Watson, Health Care Regulatory Services; Michael Hurst, Jennifer Pitcher, Human Resources; Marc LoCascio, ITS; Martha Bonds, Minority Health; Jennifer Dunlap, Office of Public Affairs; Robyn Porter, External Information Services; Elaine Scaife, Administrative Services; Mark Laker, Local Liaison; Phil Zillinger, Labs; Chris Stamm, Operational Services; Andrea Wilkes, Maternal and Child Health; Bert Harvey, Human Resources; and Lenora Passley, Long-Term Care.

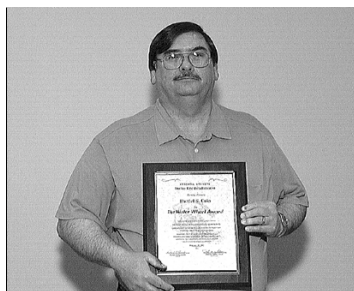
Dan Cain Wins Water Wheel Award

The American Water Works Association, Indiana Chapter, has awarded Dan Cain, Oral Health, its prestigious Water Wheel Award.

The presentation was made at the Association's annual conference awards luncheon, held in Indianapolis February 20.

The week-long Association conference drew close to 2,000 attendees according to Cain's estimate.

The award plaque reads: "Safe water



CAIN with Water Wheel Award

is essential for all living things. The wheel has the ability to produce and generate power. Combined, they can generate a great source of energy and influence, which is essential to mankind.

"Therefore, let it be known that the recipi-

ent has demonstrated these qualities in the public water supply profession, the community, and the Indiana Section, American Water Works Association."

Cain is a 23-year employee of ISDH.



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